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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR MINISTER YAMANI

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO MINISTER YAMANI FROM UNDER SECRETARY CHARLES W. ROBINSON: QUOTE

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

I HAVE JUST LEARNED FROM FROMENT-MEURICE OF THE FRENCH
GOVERNMENT THAT YOU HAVE INDICATED UNWILLINGNESS TO RESUME
THE PRODUCER-CONSUMER DIALOGUE UNLESS THERE IS AGREEMENT
TO FORM A FULL COMMISSION DEALING WITH MONETARY AND
FINANCIAL AFFAIRS. DURING MY LAST VISIT WITH YOU IN
JIDDA WE DISCUSSED THE FORMATION OF A SUB-COMMISSION
UNDER THE PROPOSED ENERGY COMMISSION AS A POSSIBLE
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ALTERNATIVE. WHEN YOU EXPRESSED RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT THIS

IDEA, I EXPLAINED THAT THE US AND OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS COULD NOT AGREE TO ESTABLISHING A NEW FORUM TO DEAL WITH MATTERS WHICH ARE CLEARLY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE IMF AND WORLD BANK. I EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR YOUR VIEW THAT FINANCIAL MATTERS RELATING TO SURPLUS FUNDS GENERATED BY OIL EXPORTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN DEPTH

AND THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE THROUGH THIS SUB-COMMISSION IN WHICH SAUDI ARABIA WOULD PLAY A LEAD ROLE.

IN MY SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS
THIS ISSUE WAS FULLY CONSIDERED AND THERE IS NOW GENERAL
AGREEMENT THAT WE SHOULD RESTRICT OUR PROGRAM TO THREE
FULL COMMISSIONS ONLY TO ACHIEVE THE GREATEST PROGRESS
IN THE AREAS OF ENERGY, COMMODITIES AND DEVELOPMENT, ALL
OF WHICH WILL CONSIDER RELATED FINANCIAL MATTERS AS
PROPOSED BY THE DEVELOPING NATIONS AT THE APRIL PREPCON.
THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE WITH MOST OF THESE COUNTRIES,
AND I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU CAN COMPROMISE ON THIS ISSUE
AND THEREBY ALLOW RESUMPTION OF THE PRODUCER/CONSUMER
DIALOGUE ON WHICH SO MUCH DEPENDS. WE HAVE CONCEDED
TO THE WISHES OF THE DEVELOPING NATIONS ON OTHER KEY
MATTERS AND I NOW ASK FOR YOUR COOPERATION ON THIS ONE
REMAINING ISSUE. REGARDS. CHUCK ROBINSON. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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